

SITUATION REPORT NO. 7

INCIDENT NO. 2001-103

DATE: September 17, 2001 TIME: 3:30 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Increased Security – In response to a series of terrorist attacks on the United States, North Dakota state agencies and military installations have taken precautions to increase security.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGES: No change from previous reports.
4. RESOURCES:
LOCAL: No change from previous reports.
STATE: No change from previous reports.
FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: In response to last week's terrorist activities, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has established an Advance Special account for donations for case management and counseling of children and adults. All donations can be made at United Methodist churches.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: Governor John Hoeven thanked North Dakotans for their expressions of generosity in the wake of last week's terrorist attacks on New York and Washington. Governor Hoeven announced New York Governor George Pataki's invitation to make contributions to the newly-established New York State World Trade Center Relief Fund. North Dakotans wishing to donate funds can call 1-800-801-8092 or send them to the New York State World Trade Center Relief Fund, P.O. Box 5028, Albany, NY, 12205. Due to heavy call volume, Governor Pataki urged contributors using the toll-free hotline to be patient and to consider mailing contributions.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) once again grounded all aerial agricultural operations on Sunday, September 16. The North Dakota Aeronautics Commission notified applicators across the state. The FAA is contacting all operators and asking for information about their aircraft fleets and the names of pilots who have been in their employ during the past three years. The Aeronautics Commission has sent the FAA Flight Standards District Office in Fargo a list of 166 aerial application operations in the state. Those operators use 281 aircraft. Restrictions remain in place for flights by general aviation pilots operating under Visual Flight Rules (VFR).

The U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) and consumer advocacy groups have issued warnings about consumer scams taking place as a result of the outpouring of support by Americans. Experts have received several reports of individuals receiving spam-type mass e-mails soliciting donations for survivors of the attacks in New York and on the Pentagon. The Coalition Against Unsolicited Commercial E-mail, a non-profit consumer protection group, said a typical message might contain the phrases "Express Relief Fund" or "Victims Survivor Fund." DoD has provided the following donations contact information: Army Relief Society Pentagon Victims Fund – 1-703-325-0463, www.aerhq.org; Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society Pentagon Assistance Fund – 1-703-696-4904, www.nmcrs.org; and Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund, 1-303-933-7580, www.feea.org. (These items have been added to the listing that appears in #9, Other Information, Voluntary and Monetary Donations.)

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: None at this time.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: None at this time.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: Following are agencies, numbers, addresses and web sites for welfare inquiries, blood and monetary donations and crisis counseling:

Welfare Inquiries

U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime: 1-800-331-0075, www.responsecare.com
American Red Cross: contact your local chapter or call in North Dakota, 1-800-252-6746
American Airlines: 1-800-245-0999
United Airlines: 1-800-932-8555
National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB): 1-202-314-6185
Virginia Governor's Terrorism Victims Help Line: 1-866-827-3543

Voluntary and Monetary Donations

New York State World Trade Center Relief Fund: 1-800-801-8092, or P.O. Box 5028, Albany, NY 12205
American Red Cross: Contact your local chapter or call 1-800-HELP-NOW
The Salvation Army: Contact your local chapter or call 1-800-SAL-ARMY
United Way September 11th Fund: 1-212-251-4035
Southern Baptist Disaster Relief: 1-800-959-4325
Church World Service: 1-800-297-1516, extension 222
Nazarene Disaster Response: 1-888-256-5886
World Vision: 1-888-511-6593
Blue Cross Blue Shield: 1-866-761-8365
New York Firefighters and Families Donation Fund: Bismarck Fire Department: 1020 East Central Avenue, Bismarck, 58501
Army Relief Society Pentagon Victims Fund: 1-703-325-0463, www.aerhq.org Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society Pentagon Assistance Fund: 1-703-696-4904, www.nmcrs.org
Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund: 1-303-933-7580, www.feea.org

Blood Donations

United Blood Services – Bismarck: 1-701-258-4512
United Blood Services – Minot: 1-701-852-2161
United Blood Services – Fargo: 1-701-293-9453
Dak-Minn Blood Bank – Grand Forks: 1-701-780-5140

Crisis Counseling

The Mental Health Association in North Dakota: 1-800-472-2911
Northeast Human Service Center, Grand Forks: 1-701-775-0525
Northwest Human Service Center: 1-800-231-7724
North Central Human Service Center: 1-888-470-6968
Lake Region Human Service Center: 1-701-665-2200
Southeast Human Service Center: 1-888-342-4900
South Central Human Service Center: 1-800-260-1310
West Central Human Service Center: 1-888-328-2662
Badlands Human Service Center 1-888-227-7525

The level of Devils Lake at Creel Bay remained at 1,447.38 feet today. Stump Lake level measured 1,411.90 feet today.

The N.D. Division of Emergency Management's Situation Reports are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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